Oil Industry Development Fund

2201. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been maintaining Oil Industry (Development) Fund constituted under the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 out of collection of cess on indigenous production of crude;

(b) if so, the details of accruals in and disbursals from the OID Fund since its inception;

(c) the collection estimated to accrue to the fund in the current financial year; and

(d) the details of deployment of Oil Industry Development Fund?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Oil Industry Development Fund has been formed in terms of Section 18(1) of the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 and the Fund is maintained by Oil Industry Development Board.

(b) Accruals as on 31.3.2004 to Oil Industry Development Fund since 1974-75 are Rs. 7669.47 crore consisting of Rs. 902.40 crore paid by the Government out of the cess collected on indigenous production of crude oil and Rs. 6767.07 crore by way of internal accruals in the form of interest on loans etc.

As on 31.03.2004 Oil Industry Development Board has disbursed loans amounting to Rs. 16,262 crore to Companies in the Petroleum Sector and grants amounting to Rs. 679 crore to various Institutions.

(c) The accrual to the Fund during the current financial year is estimated at Rs. 235 crore.

(d) The deployment of the Fund as on 31st March, 2004, consists mainly of loans to the Oil Companies in the public sector and investments in the equity of Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Biecco Lawrie Limited. Besides, the funds are parked as short-terms deposits in the State Bank of India.